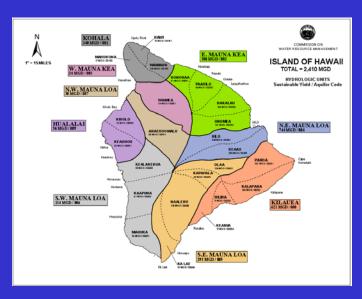
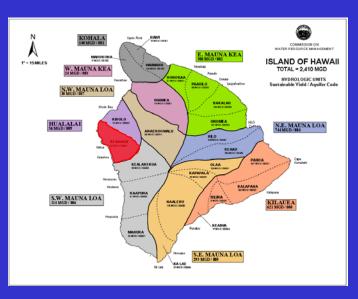
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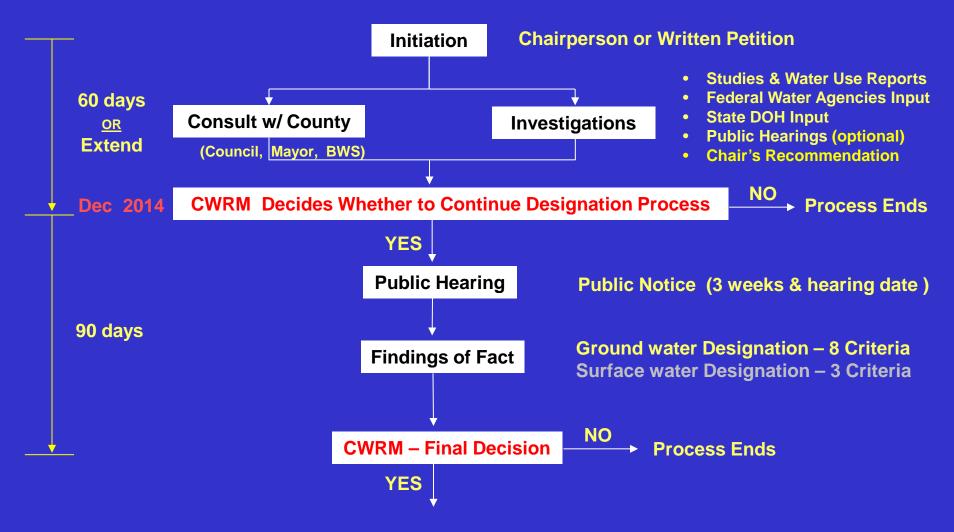


On September 13, 2013, the National Park Service at the Kaloko-Honokōhau National Historical Park submitted a petition to the Commission requesting that the Keauhou Aquifer System Area be designated as a Ground Water Management Area.

Ground Water Management Areas require additional regulation through Commissionapproved ground water use permits.

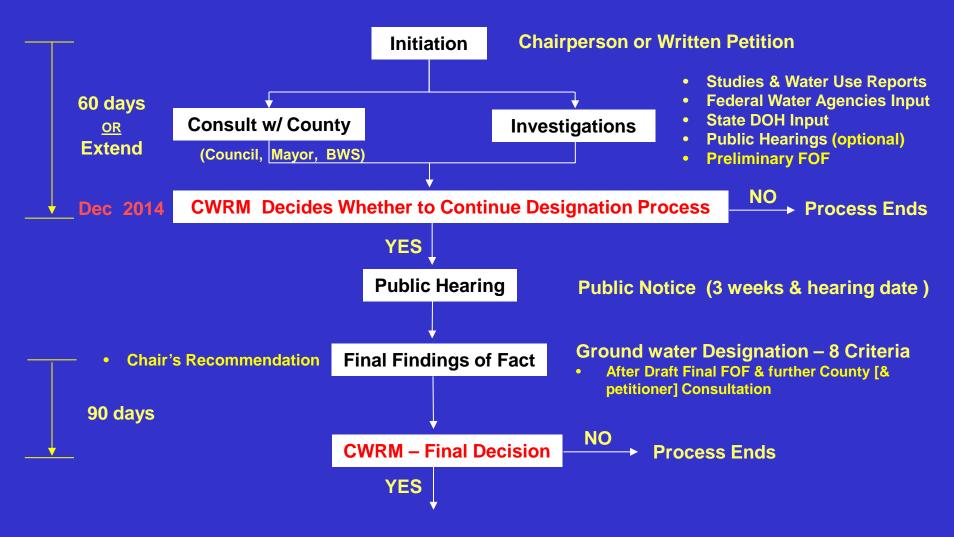
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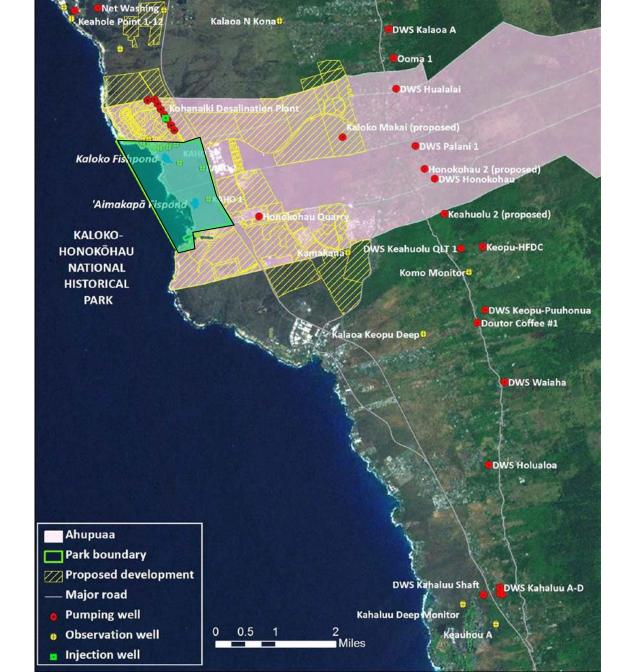
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## Kaloko-Honokōhau





## Significant collaboration since 2007:

- Working group (NPS)
- Round Table (HDWS)
- Professionals Group 2008 WRPP (CWRM)

### Outcomes of these collaborations:

- Increased monitoring (increase to quarterly monitoring, 2013 online water use reporting, additional monitor wells: Komo, Kainaliu, Kamakana, Keopu, Kohanaiki, etc.)
- Current ongoing studies (WRPP, Evapotranspiration, Recharge, & data trends updates; USGS-High-Level/Basal Isotope Study & 3D Numerical Model)
- Extensive bibliographies of completed studies (2011 Big Island Recharge, 2012 Rainfall Atlas, NELHA, NPS, others)

## Ground Water Criteria Commission shall consider (§174c-44):

- (1) Whether an increase in water use or authorized planned use may cause the maximum rate of withdrawal from the ground water source to reach 90% of the sustainable yield;
- (2) There is an actual or threatened water quality degradation as determined by DOH;
- (3) Whether regulation is necessary to preserve the diminishing ground water supply for future needs, as evidenced by excessively declining ground water levels;
- (4) Whether the rates, times, spatial patterns, or depths of existing withdrawals of ground water are endangering the stability or optimum development of the ground water body due to upconing or encroachment of salt water;

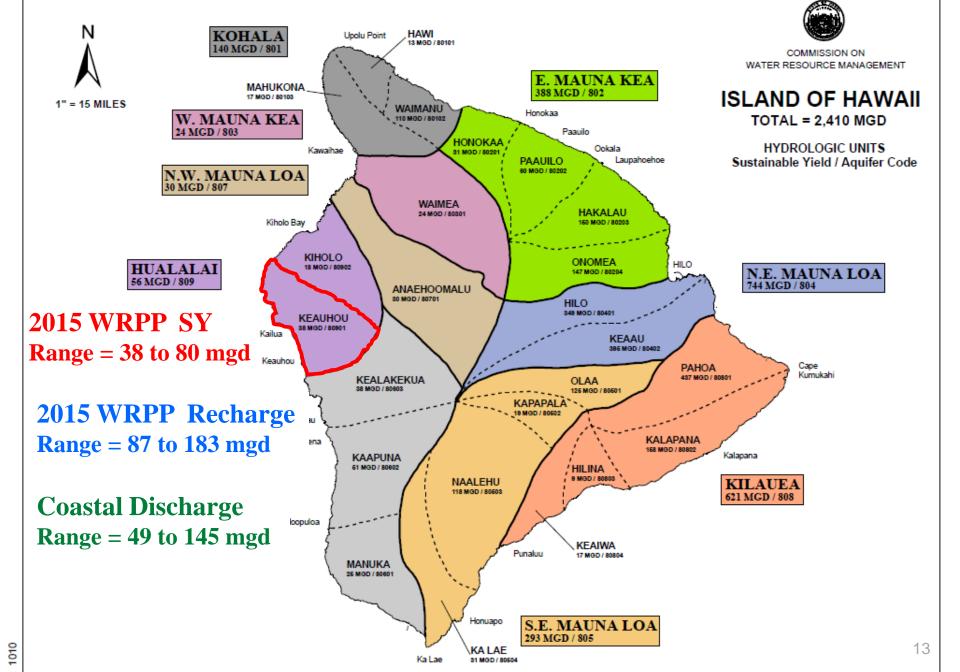
## Ground Water Criteria Commission shall consider (§174c-44):

- (5) Whether the chloride contents of existing wells are increasing to levels which materially reduce the value of their existing uses;
- (6) Excessive preventable waste of ground water is occurring;
- (7) Serious disputes respecting the use of ground water; or
- (8) Whether water development projects that have received any federal, state, or county approval may result, in the opinion of the commission, in one of the above conditions.

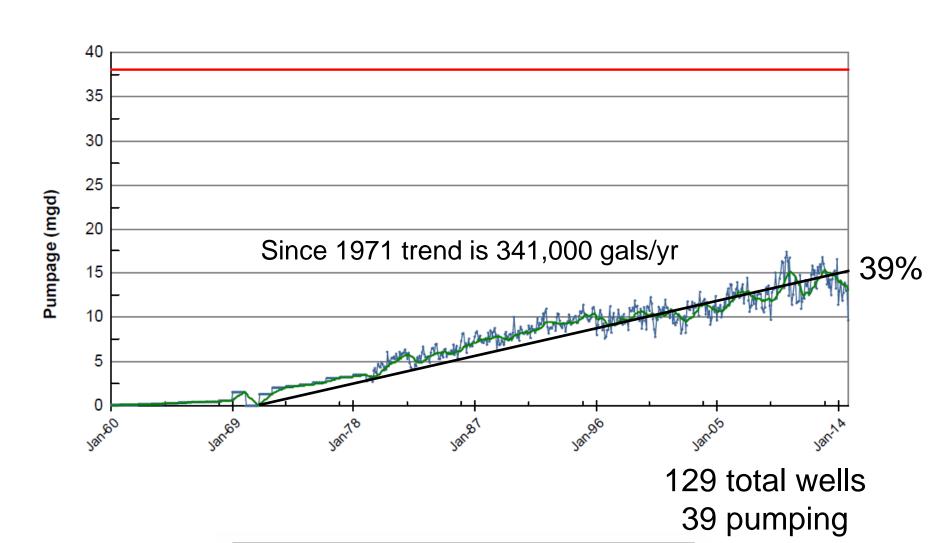
# 2013 Petition from National Parks Service to designate the Keauhou Aquifer System Area (KASA)

### 5 of 8 criteria the Commission shall consider were raised:

- Sustainable Yield approach to groundwater management is not adequate to address 1) potential harm to the biota and potential for limiting the practice of Traditional and Customary Rights caused by the reduction of shoreline discharge from pumping, 2) projected water demands that exceed SY, or 3) rising sea-level and declining rainfall
- Documented Saltwater Encroachment: Kahaluu Area
- Waste: Kona water use is "2.5 higher than other areas of the county"
- Serious Disputes: 1) effects of cumulative future pumping on NPS resources,
  2) conceptual models of the hydrogeologic structure of the KASA
- Potential development projects will contribute to cumulative withdrawals that will exceed the KASA sustainable yield



## Monthly Pumpage Chart 12 Month Moving Average

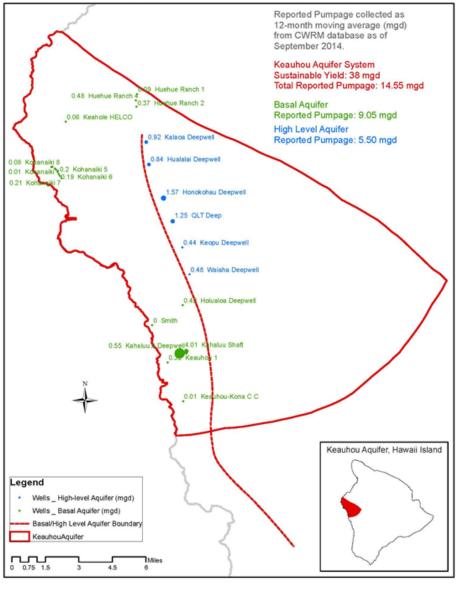


12M AV

Pumpage (mgd)

SY

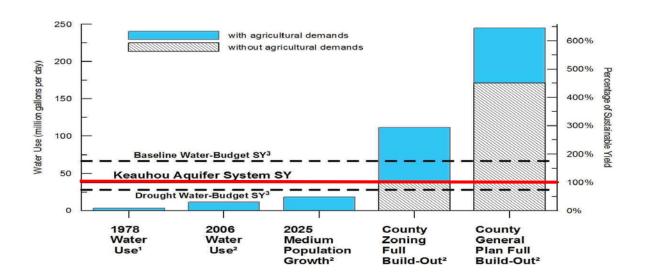
#### Reported Pumpage from Keauhou Aquifer System Area



15 mgd KASA

9 mgd Basal

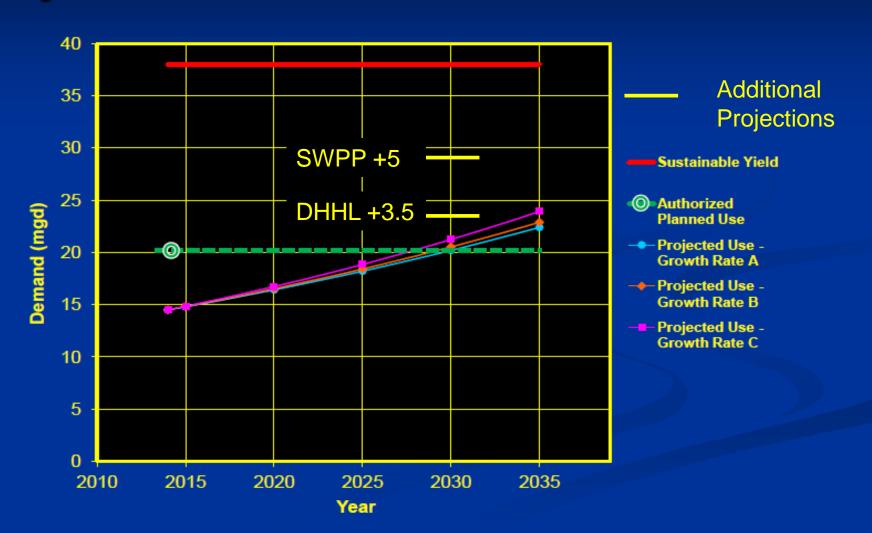
6 mgd High Level

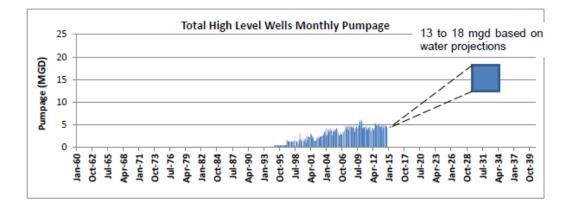


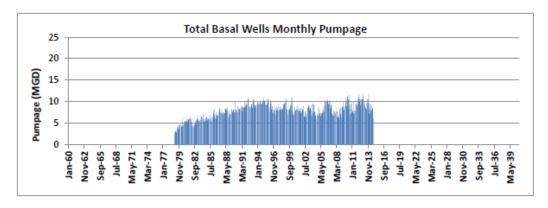
**§174C-41 Designation of water management area.** (a) When it can be reasonably determined, after conducting scientific investigations and research, that the water resources in an area may be threatened by existing or proposed withdrawals or diversions of water, the commission shall designate the area for the purpose of establishing administrative control over the withdrawals and diversions of ground and surface waters in the area to ensure reasonable-beneficial use of the water resources in the public interest.

### Pumpage of 175 Mgal/d will serve > 1 million people.

## Keauhou Aquifer System Area Projected Demands







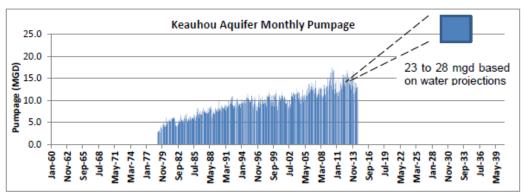


Figure 18. Annual Keauhou Aquifer System Area pumpage; high-level, basal, and total, with projection for the year 2030

